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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Further on Aviation Week Publication Intentions

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To: DCI From: DDS&T

Subj: Meeting with [ ] and  
Aviation Week Reporters

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1. [ ] told me this noon that he had heard back from Clarence Robinson, the Aviation Week reporter pursuing the classified intelligence satellites.

2. [ ] reports that Robinson called him this morning to tell him that AvWeek had decided not to publish any further articles containing specific information on any of the classified satellites. Robinson apparently said that they may change this decision depending upon other developments, but if or until the situation does change in some significant way; e.g., some other journal publishing a detailed article of their own, AvWeek will not proceed with any further stories in this area.

3. [ ] told me that in his view another factor which may influence the AvWeek decision is the government itself releasing publicly currently classified information, [ ] in the context of the Kampiles trial. Robinson in our earlier meeting did in fact make quite a case of the concern about being scooped by some other publication or being scooped by the government itself by government formal information releases.

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